Development of Rural Tourism Hubs in Tamil Nadu

4304. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have identified any sites in the State of Tamil Nadu for their development as Rural Tourism Hubs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps being taken for the development of the sites and by when they are likely to be opened for public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Rural Tourism.scheme of Ministry of Tourism funds are sanctioned and released based on the proposal received from the State/UT Governmets for infrastructure development at Rural sites. Based on proposals received from State Government of Tamil Nadu the funds have been released for the development of following rural tourism sites in the State:

(i) Rs. 50 lakhs for Kazhugumalai in 2003-04
(it) Rs. 50 lakhs for Theerthamalai in 2003-04
(iii) Rs. 50 lakhs for Chhettinadu in 2003-04
(iv) Rs. 20 lakhs for Karaikudi in 2004-05
(v) Rs. 20 lakhs for Kahugumalai in 2004-05
(vi) Rs. 50 lakhs for Devipattanam in 2005-06
(vii) Rs. 50 lakhs for Thirukurungudi in 2005-06

Development of Rural Tourism Hubs in Andhra Pradesh

4305. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have identified any sites in the State of Andhra Pradesh for their develpment as Rural Tourism Hubs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the steps being taken for the development of the sites and by when are likely to be opened for public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the Rural Tourism scheme of Ministry of Tourism funds are sanctioned and released based on the proposal received from the State/UT Governments for infrastructure development at Rural sites. Based on proposals received